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Vulcans get beamed up for Trek flick

MOVIE Residents from the town of Vulcan will get a star appearance at the special Calgary screening of the latest Star Trek film.

Canadian actor Bruce Greenwood, who plays Capt. Christopher Pike in the upcoming movie in the intergalactic franchise, will guest star at the advance screening next Wednesday.

A lottery was held for residents of the small southern Alberta town, and 300 of them will be taking in the film at a screening that comes two days before the worldwide release.

Vulcan has built a worldwide reputation as a Star Trek mecca, will an annual Spock Days convention that attracts hundreds from places all over the globe.

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Wolverine lacks bite

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- For news updates from the convention, see metronews.ca.



People wait outside a mobile clinic to test for signs of influenza A (H1N1) virus, formerly referred to as swine flu, at a mobile clinic in Mexico City on Thursday. With six confirmed cases now in Alberta, some believe city officials weren't prepared for a possible pandemic.

City not ready: Expert

Doctor says officials depending too much on province, feds

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Swine flu fears have made disinfecting all the rage in Calgary at metronews.ca/canada

The city is coming under fire for its pandemic preparedness as health officials Thursday confirmed four more Albertans have contracted cases of swine flu.

Dr. Pat Pitsel, whose Calgary-based consulting firm advises municipalities and businesses on how to manage outbreaks, said the city should take the lead on planning but seems to be leaving it up to the provincial and federal governments.

"All the health stuff is in the hands of the health re-

gion but there are so many other factors — there is a lack of real preparedness," she said.

"If we get a flu that's sweeping over the city, I don't know if they're really ready for it — they seem to have a strategy but nothing like a plan."

The virus, now dubbed influenza A (H1N1) by the World Health Organization, has now been found in six Albertans, including four

young Albertans — three men and a woman — who recently returned from a trip to Mexico.

Pitsel said the outbreak is worrying because it is spread before those infected have symptoms and if it mutates, it could take similar characteristics to the 1918 Spanish Flu that killed in excess of 20 million people worldwide.

With many of the responsibilities for dealing with an outbreak falling to Alberta Health Services and other agencies, Pitsel fears too many loose ends will be left untied if the virus takes the same deadly turn as it did in Mexico.

Tom Sampson, the city's

deputy chief of emergency management, didn't return calls Thursday but a memo said Calgary's emergency plan has been partially activated and an infectious disease outbreak team is preparing city facilities to deal with the virus spreading.

It also indicates the city is not the lead agency and its primary role is "to ensure municipal services continue to operate during any outbreak."

Ald. Diane Colley-Urquhart raised concerns about the city's readiness two years ago and said with the new threat those fears have not been quelled.

MORE COVERAGE, PGS 6, 8

No need to panic: Minister

VICTORIA HANDYSIDES
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FLU Frightened residents need not hit the panic button, despite four more confirmed Alberta cases of a flu that is suspected to have killed almost 170 people, health officials said yesterday.

"Live your life normally," Health Minister Ron Liepert said.

The World Health Organization has stopped using the term "swine flu" to tag the virus, to avoid confusion on danger posed by pigs.

"I know there is some angst in the public, and I would suggest that nothing has changed in the past couple days, other than a couple of new incidents," Liepert said.

Despite premonitions of more cases in Alberta, officials are stressing people not panic, as the six confirmed infections have behaved like common flu bugs, generating mild symptoms.

"If we were dealing with a lethal virus that emerged, then we would be implementing other aspects of the plan," said chief medical officer of health Andre Corriveau.

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Bringing back the VLTs?

Bar and pub owners in Rocky Mountain House, Alta., are once again trying to bring back video lottery terminals into their establishments after voting to remove them in 1997. On Tuesday, town council will look at the latest petition and decide if they will vote on the matter. **METRO CALGARY**

Cops release details in triple murder case

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CRIME Calgary police hope the description of two vehicles seen in the area of a triple homicide on New Years Day will generate clues to find the killers. Police are looking for a newer-model silver Mazda 3 car and a new-model silver four-door Toyota truck in connection with the triple murder in Bolsa Vietnamese restaurant in the city's southeast that took

the life of an innocent bystander and two others.

"We now believe the vehicles played a role. There is no doubt in gang-related crime there is more help behind the scenes, and we believe there may have been more people involved," Acting Staff Sgt. Patty McCallum said about the Jan. 1 incident.

Police are hoping the new information might jar people's memories, no matter how minor the details are, McCallum added.

"Many people may not realize the importance of those details," she said.



Calgary will rebound: Economist

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RECESSION Calgary has hit the lowest point of the economic downturn but is set for a rebound in 2010, says a city economist.

The city Thursday released Calgary's first quarter financial update and forecasts a two per cent drop in economic activity in 2009 with an inflation rate hovering around 1.2 per cent.

Economist Patrick Walters said the city has hit the lowest ebb for its economy in decades but he expects there will be a fast turnaround.

"I think this is as low as we've been for the last 20 years but I don't think that it will get any worse," he said.

The forecast calls for economic activity to buck the current trend in 2010 with an increase by 1.2 per cent, while inflation is expected to rise by 1.5 per cent.



City cops issued 850 tickets in the first month of the Speed on Green initiative, with only three cameras in operation.

No smiles for camera

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Lead-footed drivers burned through camera-monitored intersections at a rate of almost 10 per day during the first month of the initiative, say city cops.

Police monitored just three intersections with speed on green cameras in April, the first month since

the campaign went live, and issued 850 speeding tickets with the average offender clocked at 27 km/h over the posted limit.

Traffic Staff Sgt. Brett Marklund said the average number of violations dropped from a one-month pilot in March that issued 700 warnings from just two cameras, but they remain too high for his liking.

"These people are blow-

ing through intersections in Calgary thinking they haven't got a care in the world," he said. "There is a group of drivers out there that are just oblivious."

The speed on green initiative is piggybacking on existing red-light camera technology that is in place at 45 intersections, although Marklund said the goal by the end of the year is to monitor only 10 intersections for speeders.

Got a spare \$1 billion just laying around?

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PROPERTY For sale: pristine riverside property that would be ideal for a park or a \$1 billion private health club.

The developer of a proposed upscale club wants the city to either buy a large piece of land south of

the Trans-Canada Highway between Sarcee Trail and the Bow River or help him move the process along faster. Martin Dolemo, the man behind the Edworthy Health Club, which boasts a spa, ice rinks, a movie theatre and a 22-storey condo took out ads in Calgary papers Thursday, offering up the property to the city to turn it into a

park.

He said the city has bogged down his plans and he wants them to move things forward or just purchase the land.

"It's been a slow go and I want to know if I'm wasting my money," he said.

But area Ald. Dale Hodges said the city has no interest in buying the property.

Sinkhole probe ordered by city

CONSTRUCTION The city has ordered the owners of a construction project that saw a large sinkhole open last week in the downtown core to probe its cause.

The sinkhole snarled traffic last Friday near the Gateway Midtown condo project, forcing crews to shut down 4 Street SW near 10 Avenue for safety reasons as engineers tried to determine the stability of nearby roads.

The order will require owners to do a full engineering report of the property and submit it to the city before continuing work.

Alberta drilling to dry up: Source

JOBS Drilling in Alberta is forecast to plummet by nearly half, according to an industry source.

The Petroleum Services Association of Canada predicts a 43 per cent drop in Alberta drilling, with a drop of 38 per cent expected in Saskatchewan.

It is believed the oil and gas service industry could shed up to 15,000 jobs if the drop in drilling is realized. **METRO CALGARY**

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Arlene Adamson, director of communications and fund development at the YWCA of Calgary, posts a donated shingle on a mock roof that is on display at Sunridge Mall for the RBC Keep a Roof Over Their Heads fundraiser, which supports crisis and transitional housing at the YWCA.

Helping raise the roof

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One dollar at a time, one shingle at a time.

That's how the RBC Keep a Roof Over Their Heads fundraiser intends to help homeless women and their children through the YWCA as the second annual event was launched yesterday at Sunridge Mall.

"We just want Calgarians to know every dollar

goes toward a single shingle and it all adds up," Arlene Adamson of the YWCA said.

The YWCA and RBC teamed up yesterday to create awareness for the event and hope Calgarians will donate online for a good cause.

RBC spokesperson Tasha Giroux said the event is about giving back to the community.

"We just realize how important it is to help be-

cause we all live and work in the community and it's nice to give back," she said.

A single shingle equals \$1,000 and the target is to reach \$150,000, though organizers are hoping to reach \$200,000.

To donate online, visit rbckeeperaroof.com.

Watch Stampede's storm Winners for a shelter shopping spree at metronews.ca/local

Six-year sentence for child attacker

COURT The father of a 3½-year-old sexual assault victim told his son's attacker in court he will be waiting for him when he gets out of jail after the man was handed a six-year sentence.

Kevin Piguet of High River admitted to choking the young boy and wounding his genitals.

Piguet will only serve four more years because of time spent in custody.

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School boards look at amalgamation

FRENCH SCHOOLS Two francophone school boards in southern Alberta are looking at the possibility of blending the public and Catholic sides into one body.

The Conseil scolaire du Sud de l'Alberta (CSSA) and the Conseil scolaire catholique et francophone are studying the possibility of amalgamation, saying several objectives would be "better addressed" by merging the boards.

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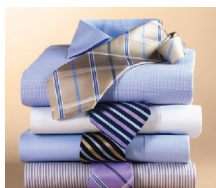
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China and Russia once again lead the list of countries with the worst record on preventing piracy and counterfeiting of U.S. goods, the U.S. Trade Representatives office said Thursday. In addition, USTR said it was putting Canada on the "priority watch list." **REUTERS**

Canada



Haligonians flee forest fire

A major forest fire in the Spryfield area south of Halifax forced people to flee their homes Thursday afternoon. Halifax Regional Fire Services confirmed that it has been evacuating homes in a section of Spryfield where firefighters were battling a major fire. "There is an evacuation currently on the Purcell's Cove Road on the outside around 800 block and any side streets off that," fire services spokesman Lloyd Currie said. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

News in brief

ENVIRONMENT Canada's species at highest risk — caribou, spotted owls and the freshwater kidneyshell mussel — remain under threat because the federal government is failing to use its own laws to protect them, says a coalition of environmental groups. A report card by environmentalists gave Canada a failing grade for "ducking its own laws" by not using the safeguards in its Species At Risk Act. "In the absence of habitat protection for at-risk species, habitat degradation continues," says the report by Ecojustice, the David Suzuki Foundation, Nature Canada and Environmental Defence.

TORSTAR NEWS NETWORK

DRUG USE Many teenagers who smoke marijuana are trying to find a way to cope with mental and physical problems, not to get high, Canadian researchers said. Dr. Joan L. Bortoff, of the University of British Columbia, and her team found that adolescents who use marijuana to deal with depression, grief, stress or anxiety, have no other option. "We really need to pay attention to adolescents who are experiencing concerns about their health, who are having difficulties, and we need to work with them to find alternatives," she said. The researchers interviewed 20 teenagers about why they smoked marijuana. **REUTERS**

Ottawa Harper turns 50



Prime Minister Stephen Harper looks at plastic flamingos placed on the front lawn of his official residence, 24 Sussex Drive, while walking with his daughter, Rachel, in Ottawa Thursday. Staffers placed 50 flamingos on the lawn to mark Harper's 50th birthday.

Flu cases mount, more expected

H1N1 influenza A, more commonly called swine flu, continues to march across Canada with 34 confirmed, but mild cases across five provinces — and infectious disease experts say this may be the tip of the iceberg.

In Canada, there have been 15 new confirmed positive cases since Wednesday, bringing the total to 34. British Columbia has five new cases and Alberta four. There are another four in Nova Scotia, one in Ontario

and one in Quebec. But more cases are expected as test results from nasal swab samples become available.

In Vernon, B.C., 500 students at a French immersion elementary school were sent home for the week after one of their classmates tested positive.

The virus originated in pigs, and has genes from human, bird and pig viruses. Scientists don't know exactly how it jumped to humans. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

INFORMATION FEATURE

Relationships tricky for kids, too



When a relationship turns sour, sometimes it's best to get help and get away, says counsellor Shannon Freud.

DATING Abuse, betrayal and confusion can happen in any relationship but when those things happen to kids, the anxiety and pain can feel all too difficult to bear.

Shannon Freud, 32, works as a counsellor at Kids Help Phone and says for many kids relationships are a difficult sea to

navigate because their feelings can be new, untested and uncertain.

"The teenage years are a time when kids are trying to figure out what it means to be in a relationship and how they feel about being in a relationship. It's definitely something that's very concerning for a kid," Freud said.

Contact

• Kids Help Phone can be reached at 1-800-668-6868.

Whether it's a caller asking if it's normal for a boyfriend to call her verbally abusive names or a kid trying to decipher why

a relationship doesn't feel right, Freud hears from many kids who suffer because they just don't have the same life experiences as adults to draw on when identifying and solving relationship

issues.

"The more relationships an individual has, the more they learn about how to communicate in one. Kids really need to have that life experience to learn what works and what doesn't in relationships," Freud said.

Freud says difficult or abusive relationships in the teenage world often mirror those in the adult world, leaving many kids without the tools they need to cope.

"We often see the same issues and kids might be unsure of how to express themselves," she said.

Helping kids resolve their relationship issues is particularly crucial in situations of verbal or emotional abuse because such behaviour could quickly turn violent.

"If two people are in a relationship and they're verbally and emotionally abusive to one another, there's always the chance things could get physically abusive at some point," Freud said.

In cases of serious abuse, both physical and emotional, sometimes the best answer is to get help and keep away.

"If

you leave the situation, that cuts out an opportunity to hurt you. They can't hit you if you're not there and the longer you stay in an abusive relationship, the harder it is to get out," Freud said.

The first step for many kids in dealing with dating and relationship issues is to speak to someone like a counsellor at Kids Help Phone who has the life experience and tools necessary to help. All calls are confidential and counsellors encourage kids only to talk about

what they want to talk about, no matter how minor (or major) their problems may be.

"Kids can call us and talk about what they're going through and what they're feeling in their relationships. We're here for them 24/7 to help them figure all that stuff out," Freud said.



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Hundreds of families fled Pakistan's Buner valley on Thursday as security forces battled through mountain passes to evict Taliban fighters, whose advance towards Islamabad had sown alarm. The military mounted an offensive on Tuesday after the Taliban had crept from their stronghold in the adjoining Swat Valley. **REUTERS**

Families flee battle zone in Pakistani valley

World



Egypt culls pigs amid flu fears

Egypt started slaughtering herds of pigs on Thursday as a precaution against swine flu, despite resistance by farmers. The United Nations said the mass cull of up to 400,000 pigs was "a real mistake" because the new strain — a mix of swine, avian and human viruses — has not been found in pigs. **REUTERS**

'Loner' gunman kills 13 at university in Azerbaijan

SHOOTING Thirteen people were killed at a university in Azerbaijan on Thursday when a gunman went from floor to floor firing on teachers and students as morning classes began.

The gunman, a Georgian citizen of Azerbaijani origin described as a loner by local media, was among the dead. The government said it did not see a politi-

cal motive behind the shooting at the prestigious State Oil Academy in the capital city of Baku.

A security guard and a cleaner were killed before the gunman opened fire on students and teachers. A witness said one student had tried to stop him, shouting: "Don't shoot, don't shoot!" He was shot in the head. **REUTERS**

Apeldoorn Tragedy at parade



Dutch Princess Maxima, left, and Prince Willem-Alexander look on after a car deliberately ploughed into a royal parade that included Queen Beatrix on Thursday, killing five people and injuring 12, officials said. None of the royals was hurt.

Flu could be 'drastic': IMF

The economic impact from the swine flu outbreak could be "quite drastic" in some countries, the International Monetary Fund's chief economist said Thursday.

Addressing the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, IMF chief economist Olivier Blanchard said it was clear that tourism volumes will be affected. He indicated it was too early to say what the impact of the outbreak will be on the global economy, which is already in a recession.

Mexico urged people to stay home for a five-day partial shutdown of the economy, and its central bank warned the outbreak could deepen recession.

The new flu virus has

Shutdown defied

- A major Mexican factory association said Thursday that plants will operate May 1-5 despite a government call for a shutdown of swaths of the economy.

killed up to 176 people in Mexico and cases have been reported in the U.S., Latin America and Europe. Global markets were taking the news of swine flu, which the World Health Organization officially named influenza A (H1N1) Thursday, in stride.

But if the outbreak shuts down trade, the cost to the global economy could reach trillions of dollars, World Bank studies have estimated. **REUTERS**



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U.S. Senate bill seeks healthy school snacks

U.S. schools that sell candy and soda could soon be required to offer healthier options under a bill introduced Thursday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Clinton takes tough stance on North Korea

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said Thursday the United States had no plans to give North Korea economic aid and Pyongyang was digging a "deeper and deeper" hole by its latest actions.

"We have absolutely no interest and no willingness on the part of this administration to give them any economic aid at all," Clinton told lawmakers.

She was defending a budget request for nearly \$100 million for future U.S. economic aid to North Korea.

"That money is in there in the event, which at this point seems implausible if not impossible, the North Koreans return to the six-party talks and begin to dis-

"We have absolutely no interest and no willingness on the part of this administration to give them any economic aid at all." Hillary Clinton

able their nuclear capacity again," she said.

"They are digging themselves into a deeper and deeper hole with the international community," Clinton added at a hearing by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Last December, the United States suspended fuel aid to the energy-starved North until it agreed to specific steps to verify its nuclear activities, which Pyongyang refused to do.

Kansas Republican Sena-

tor Sam Brownback said the request for future U.S. aid funds sent "exactly the wrong message" to the North.

"If North Korea doesn't perform then we should ... move quickly to reimpose sanctions that have been waived," Brownback said.

North Korea Wednesday threatened a new nuclear test unless the UN Security Council apologized for sanctions that were tightened after Pyongyang's April 5 rocket launch.

REUTERS

News in brief

SAUDI ARABIA A 50-year old Saudi man has agreed to divorce his nine-year-old bride, media reported Thursday, after the marriage drew international criticism.

U.K. British lawmakers voted Thursday to overhaul some of their perks, a week after Prime Minister Gordon Brown proposed changes to quell growing public anger over the

allowances that members of parliament enjoy. Disclosures about expenses have exacerbated Brown's woes this year on top of a slumping economy.

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Price of freedom is eternal vigilance



Ezra Levant

Three years ago I was the publisher of a magazine that printed pictures of some Danish cartoons of Muhammad. They were newsworthy because those cartoons sparked riots in the Muslim world that killed more than 100 people. We wanted to show our readers what all

the fuss was about.

But by doing so, I was charged by the government of Alberta with "hate speech," and prosecuted for 900 days by 15 government lawyers and bureaucrats at Alberta's human rights commission (HRC). I was finally acquitted, but not before spending \$100,000 in legal fees.

Funny: I thought freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of religion were human rights!

While I was being hunt-

ed by the government because of my political views, I researched these HRCs and discovered a whole underground legal system — 14 commissions across the country, with 1,000 full-time staff, and an annual budget of \$200 million. HRCs rarely make the news, and their procedures are nothing like real courts. They're not even run by real judges, and they lack the procedural checks and balances to make sure we don't commit injustices.

Perhaps the most terrifying thing I learned in my research was that in the 32 years that the federal Canadian Human Rights Commission has been prosecuting "hate speech" cases, not a single person had ever been acquitted of the charge. A 100 per cent conviction rate is something you'd expect from a country like China or Iran, not Canada. Then again, banning words — even offensive words — isn't a Canadian tradition, either. We debate people we disagree

with, or we ignore them. We don't have the government prosecute them.

My case, and a similar case involving Mark Steyn and Maclean's magazine, brought the hidden worlds of HRCs into the light. Since then, politicians and journalists alike have condemned them for their un-Canadian attempts to censor citizens.

Freedom of speech is something we take for granted, so we rarely think about it. But the price of freedom is eternal vigilance.

We've got to reform these HRCs, to get them out of the censorship business. And we've got to remind Canada's other censors — from university "speech code" enforcers to the radio and TV regulators at the CRTC — that freedom is a Canadian value and we won't give it up easily.

Ezra Levant is the author of *Shakedown*. A lawyer by profession, he was the publisher of *Western Standard* magazine, which reprinted the Danish cartoons of Muhammad.

Views

Is breeding a dog to fight animal cruelty?

UrbanCompass

Janice Paskey

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Sometimes it's easy to bond over shared pain.

I'm speaking with Marco Musiani, a canine scientist at the University of Calgary.

My son has been bit by a dog twice. And Musiani's border collie was attacked by a pit bull in front of his Calgary home. Pit bulls, he tells me, aren't a specific breed but a series of breeds

selected for fighting tenacity and mandible strength. "If you want to have dog fights, buy aggressive dogs," he says matter-of-factly.

Which brings us to this week's animal turn of events. A dog was thrice Tasered this week by police as it attacked its arguing owners.

There are approximately 110,000 dogs in our city, and our bite rate is low, just 145. It's down from 2,000 bites in 1985. The city fines owners every time, and pursues known aggressive dogs and owners. Eight dogs were put down last year.

Musiani won't say whether there should be a

ban on certain types of dogs. But he lays out some facts. Dogs are bred for certain traits. His border collie, for instance, was bred to obey commands. But others are bred to attack at any sign of aggression.

Some argue there are no bad dogs, just bad owners. Musiani nods. "I agree there are no bad dogs, but bad people who selected these aggressive dogs. Dogs are the victims."

Animal cruelty begins with this artificial selection process.

The problem for us humans, and for our police, is that certain breeds of dogs are hard-wired to fight —

and fight hard.

In my son's case, both owners of the dogs vigorously defended them. One was a dog from the United States brought up through animal rescue; the other had been taken in by our former nanny because it bit her grandkids too many times! Like some parents, some dog owners aren't rational.

We need to decide if breeding to fight is animal cruelty. If so, a ban on certain breeds makes sense to quell the market for these animals.

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Business

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Canada takes stake in Chrysler

Ottawa, Ontario to give \$2.42B to aid restructuring process

Canada's government will take an ownership stake in troubled automaker Chrysler in exchange for more than \$2 billion US in loans under a sweeping North American rescue plan, government officials said on Thursday.

Chrysler filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in the United States earlier in the day and also entered into an alliance with Italian automaker Fiat SpA.

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- The Chrysler agreement includes clauses that guarantee the company maintains 20 per cent of its North American manufacturing footprint and investment in Canada

The Canadian government, along with Ontario, will provide \$2.42 billion in financing to assist with the restructuring process. Under the terms of the deal, Canada will take a two per cent stake in the

revamped Chrysler and will have one director on its nine-member board.

The deal may form the blueprint for a similar arrangement with struggling General Motors Corp.

As part of the bankrupt-

cy filing in the United States, the U.S. government will provide up to \$3.5 billion in debtor-in-possession financing and up to \$4.5 billion in exit financing. Washington hopes the entire process will take only 30 to 60 days.

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Molitor bout shelved due to swine flu

Canadian boxer Steve Molitor is facing a delay in his quest to regain a world title, and his promoter says swine flu is to blame. Molitor was scheduled to fight a tune-up bout Friday in Mexico before the spread of the disease prompted a postponement. IBF rules prevent fighters coming off knockout losses — like what happened to Molitor against Celestino Caballero in November — from being top contenders, so winning against a hand-picked opponent was supposed to keep him eligible for the No. 1 ranking. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Stamps pick eighth in draft

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Keenan's time is up

'm in the camp that coach **Mike Keenan** should be dismissed and GM **Darryl Sutter** should stay.

Keenan didn't do enough in his two years guiding the Flames. With his primary mandate to coach the Flames deep into the playoffs, he simply didn't get the job done.

His litany of other shortcomings is extensive: He couldn't revive a floundering Calgary power play that shorted out in the final 12 games of the season and six more in the playoffs; he failed to even make an attempt at establishing a backup to **Mikikka Kiprusoff** and burned out Kipper in the process; he watched as defenceman **Dion Phaneuf** regress by epic proportions, offering only increased ice time as a

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remedy; he failed to spark **Olli Jokinen** into a consistent scorer; he was badly out-coached by **Joel Quenneville** in the playoffs.

Sutter should be allowed one more coach.

In my mind, it has to be someone who has a better track record of educating and developing a system.

The GM did a good job picking up cheap talent such as **Rene Bourque**, **Curtis Glencross**, **Mark Giordano** and showing the gumption to acquire Joki-

nen and **Jordan Leopold** at the trade deadline.

Those deals didn't work out to perfection, but perhaps if he had a better coach...

Sutter did make some mistakes on contract signings — **Jim Vandermeer** at \$2.4 million, **Daymond Langkow** at \$4.5 million, **Phaneuf** at \$6.5 million for five more years — but he has proven himself as a GM who can work his way out of a mess.

Calgary's roster is sure to turnover at least 30 per cent over the summer and there's a good chance a new forward-thinking coach can weave this mis-directed outfit into a spring winner.

The Hockey News
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Hitmen gunning for Rockets

LAURENCE HEINEN
for Metro Calgary



WHL Since suffering a 2-1 setback to the Kelowna Rockets at home on Feb. 28, the Calgary Hitmen have gone on quite a roll.

On Friday, they'll face off against the Kelowna Rockets once again as the battle for the Ed Chenoweth Cup begins at the Pengrowth Saddledome (7:30 p.m., Shaw TV, Fan 960).

"If you look at the stats, (Kelowna) is the best team since the trading deadline," said Hitmen head coach Dave Lowry. "It's a really good challenge for our hockey team."

Since that late February loss to the Rockets, the Hitmen won five of their final six regular season games on the road before reeling off

12 straight playoff victories to qualify for the Western Hockey League championship series in convincing fashion. "It's going to be awesome to play again in front of our home crowd," said forward Brandon Kozun, who helped the Hitmen sweep the Edmonton Oilers, Lethbridge Hurricanes and Brandon Wheat Kings.

The Hitmen will also host the Rockets on Saturday night (7 p.m.) before the series shifts to Kelowna for Games 3 and 4 on Monday and Wednesday nights.

"Obviously they were able to beat us in our own rink during the season," said Hitmen forward Brett Sonne, who was named WHL Player of the Year on Wednesday. "If we want to win the series, we're going to have to become closer and better as a team."

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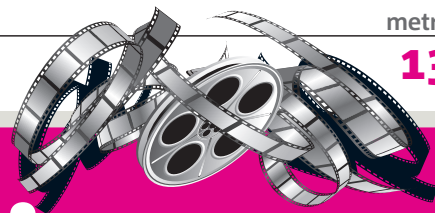
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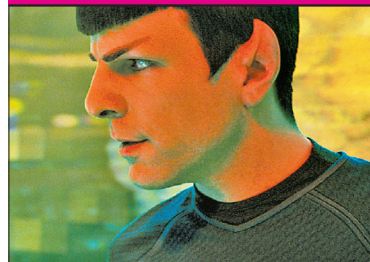
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X-Men Origins: Wolverine

Director: Gavin Hood
Stars: Hugh Jackman, Liev Schreiber
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●½

STEVE GOW
 for Metro Canada



Leading the charge in three popular X-Men movies turned Wolverine (and actor Hugh Jackman) into one of Hollywood's most alluring big-screen superheroes. Now, with

his origin on-screen for all to see, a mostly uninspired movie may nullify the mutant's mystique.

In fact, although Wolverine is jam-packed with action and eye-catching special effects, at 108 minutes (modest compared to most superhero movies), it may actually suffer from its

own succinctness.

It all begins with an engaging prologue set in 1845, after young James Logan tragically discovers the spiky claws that occasionally protrude from his knuckles.

From there, director Gavin Hood (Tsotsi) treats us to a stylish but inexplicable decades-spanning credit sequence featuring Logan and his brother Victor (whose mutant gifts include the razor-sharp "fingernails of a bag lady") battling together through the Civil War, two World Wars and Vietnam.

They're either immortal, or extremely youthful-looking for their age, we're to presume.

Eventually, they find themselves in a secret organization of mutants led by the diabolical Colonel Stryker (Danny Huston). But after Logan abandons the corrupt squad, he is forced into defending himself from his now-



Hugh Jackman, left, and Liev Schreiber play mutant siblings in X-Men Origins: Wolverine, in theatres today.

vengeful brother and Stryker's deceptive experiment to enhance mutant powers.

Several other mutants pop up along the way (including the as-yet unnamed character Cyclops) but as mildly-amusing as their appearances are, many seem extraneous or simply underdeveloped. As well, hardcore fans may take issue with a few liberties in the folklore.

While Wolverine may not appease those dedicated followers of the X-Men

hero, for other fans of big summer action flicks, Wolverine's claws will most certainly still find some traction.

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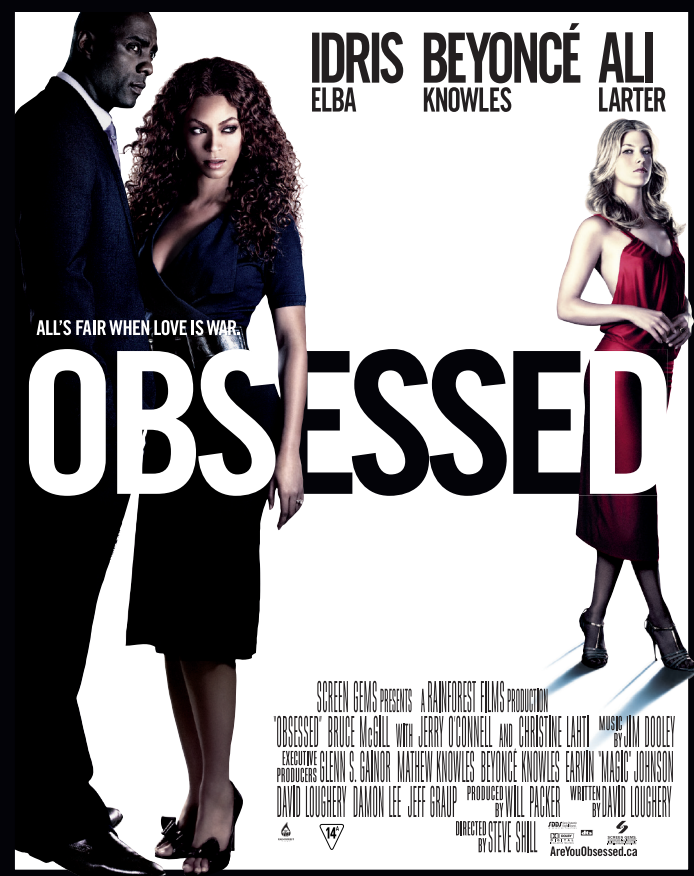
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Fresh enterprise

Director in search of the human in Star Trek

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News



As a filmmaker, J.J. Abrams has already had an impressive career, from creating iconic television series like *Lost*, *Alias* and *Felicity* to having a hand in movies as diverse as *Regarding Henry* and the most recent *Mission: Impossible*.

But in bringing his latest, *Star Trek*, to the screen, he faced a new obstacle: How to take a 40-year-old franchise with 10 films under its belt and make it fresh and interesting.

"The audience is very sophisticated now, so it had to work on a level that they didn't have to worry about in 1966," Abrams says. "I never felt it was real. A lot of that

Movie feature

had to do with resources they had."

Abrams came on board fairly unfamiliar with the *Star Trek* franchise, something that certainly had a lot of die-hard fans worried.

"I never quite got it the way certain people did," he admits. But he saw that as an opportunity rather than a drawback.

"I thought that was a cool challenge, to create a *Star Trek* that was appealing to me."

To make that possible, Abrams focused less on the technical aspects and more on the human — and Vulcan — factor. "I was never worried about the visual effects, I was never worried about the design," he explains.

"What I was worried about was finding actors who would make this feel real."



A scene from the rebooted version of *Star Trek*, in theatres next week.

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Ghosts dead on arrival

Ghosts of Girlfriends Past

Director: Mark Waters
Stars: Matthew McConaughey, Jennifer Garner
Classification: STC
Rating: ★

NED EHRBAR
 Metro World News

Charles Dickens' beloved and oft-imitated A Christmas Carol gets another swipe taken at it with

Ghosts of Girlfriends Past, a movie clearly thought up title first.

Matthew McConaughey stars as Matthew McConaughey, though we're told he's playing Connor Mead, a celebrity photographer and serial womanizer who was born and raised in Massachusetts, despite his perma-tan and Texas accent.

He ventures home for the wedding of his brother, played by Breckin Meyer and proceeds to bah-humbug the whole celebration



Jennifer Garner and Matthew McConaughey star in Ghosts of Girlfriends Past.

in a not-terribly-convincing down-with-love drunken tirade.

Of course, there to challenge his status quo is the one who got away, played begrudgingly by Jennifer Garner.

After a particularly impressive scotch intake, Connor runs into the ghost of his dead uncle (Michael Douglas), who warns him that he will be visited by three ... well, you know the rest. The ensuing flashbacks serve solely to make fun of hairstyles and music from the past 25 years, which are

apparently funny only because they are no longer popular. Good to know.

But the movie's greatest sin — and there are many, from a forced and lifeless wedding cake catastrophe to an actual rain of used condoms — is its pervasive misogyny. Douglas' character gets to spout most of the woman-hating bromides, because he can get away with since he's from a bygone era (or so the filmmakers' logic seems to go). But there's plenty to go around. And for all of the "lessons" Connor learns about the emptiness of his lifestyle, it's clear from that the folks behind this film think it's actually pretty darn awesome.

In the end, Connor learns his lesson and every single character — even the most minor, some of whom never even had dialogue — is painstakingly paired off. The movie thinks it's charming, but it really isn't. Much like its protagonist.

Elegant, simple Pool a refreshing watch

The Pool

Director: Chris Smith
Stars: Venkatesh Chaven, Nana Patekar
Classification: STC
Rating: ★★★★★

CHRIS ALEXANDER
 for Metro Canada

REVIEW After wallowing in an endless miasma of elephantine, over-plotted, big budget blockbuster brain drainers it's a genuine pleasure to stumble across a film like The Pool. Elegant, simple and sharply observed, the picture is the sort of gentle, bittersweet character drama that's come to be dubbed Neo-realist by those in the know; low budget, quasi-documentary movies that enlighten us by telling stories about regular, working class people trying to keep their heads above water in difficult situations.

In the case of the Goa-set picture The Pool, however,

our protagonist is actually striving to submerge himself in water. Awkward Venkatesh Chaven (newcomer Venkatesh Chaven) spends his days working in a Panjim hotel and, along with his orphaned friend Jhangir, selling plastic shopping bags in the local market.

One day, the two friends spot a wealthy family's luxurious pool through the trees. So smitten with this chlorinated mirage, Vankatesh vows to swim in it no matter what the cost.

As he slowly insinuates himself into the family, his humble dreams become more and more obscured and his fortunes change. Not exactly a synopsis that quickens the pulse, but that's the poetry of The Pool. It's not burdened by twists and turns or gimmicky devices, rather director Chris Smith simply sits back and lets his camera study his characters behaving in their natural environments.

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Shall We Kiss? could use more passion

Shall We Kiss?

Director: Emmanuel Mouret**Stars:** Julie Gayet, Virginie Ledoyen**Classification:** STC**Rating:** ♂♂♂**ADAM NAYMAN**
for Metro Canada**REVIEW** In the French import *Shall We Kiss?*, the alluring come-on of the title gets fraught with compli-

cations; the first scene of Emmanuel Mouret's neatly structured comedy of manners finds an attractive young woman (Julie Gayet) unexpectedly withholding a goodnight peck from her date (Michael Cohen).

The rest of the film contextualizes her hesitation through the story of two friends — married laboratory researcher Judith (Virginie Ledoyen) and perpetually dumped elementary schoolteacher Nicolas

(Mouret) — whose platonic bond gets frayed after their relentless discussions about romance wind up leading them into the bedroom.

Once there, much awkwardness ensues, but despite its various cringe-inducing interludes (including what might be the most tentative foreplay in movie history) *Shall We Kiss?* never crosses the line into the comedy of pure cruelty.

Mouret likes his charac-

ters too much to completely put them through the wringer, and Judith and Nicolas retain their basic intelligence even when they're making dubious decisions.

If there's one thing Mouret's direction could use, it's more passion. There's a blandness that makes the film feel less like the heir to the great French romantic-comedy tradition than an extended, subtitled episode of an above-average sitcom.

A scene from *Shall We Kiss?*

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Music

Punk rock Breakdown

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Back in the spring of 2004, when I heard that Green Day was going to launch a comeback with a punk rock opera, I kinda snorted. In my defence, so did a lot of other people.

The general consensus was that Green Day was on the downside of its career, soon to be relegated to "90s at noon" request shows. Sure, the kids seemed to dig the band when it went out on tour with Blink 182. And yeah, that greatest hits record did well. But to resuscitate a career with a punk rock opera? Seriously?

Even insiders didn't express much confidence. Secret reservations — never confirmed and always denied — were whispered that this CD would be lucky to sell 75,000 copies in Canada.

All this seems silly now. American Idiot became a mega-selling Bush-bashing opus that not only captured a surly public's mood during W's second term but also the travesty that



Green Day's 21st Century Breakdown is set for release on May 15.

followed Hurricane Katrina with Wake Me Up When September Ends. The CD is within a hair's breadth of selling a million copies in Canada alone. Add in the six million(-ish) units sold in the U.S. and many more millions around the world — well, don't we all look foolish for having doubted Billie Joe and Co.?

So what do you do for an encore? A sequel. Naturally. Two weeks from today, Green Day gets the equivalent of a holiday weekend movie opening for the release of 21st Century Breakdown. Hopes are so

high that the band's label can't wait until the usual Tuesday to get the record out. I don't blame them. I've heard the album and I think it's brilliant.

The libretto for 21st Century Breakdown is built around two American kids, Christian (a "kamikaze nihilist") and Gloria (a naive idealist). Together, the young couple are left to make sense of the world wrought by their 43rd president. Their story is told through three acts and 17 songs. (Yes, that's the official number of tracks.) It's filled with complex movements, delicate

piano breaks, Beatles-esque moments and the kind of anthemic stuff that'll drive concert security forces crazy.

Butch Vig — the knob twiddler behind Nirvana's Nevermind — must have had the time of his life (no pun intended) producing this record. This is a tight, taunt, tense record, but one that still manages to end on a positive note.

I'm sorry I doubted you, Green Day. Won't happen again.

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Television

Booth, Cattrall lend voices to Parker

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Kristin Booth has spoken to, reacted at and also stars alongside Sex and the City siren Kim Cattrall ... but she's never even met her.

"I hope I get to meet her," the sprightly Genie-winning actress from Kitchener, Ont., says with a booming laugh. "That's the most challenging thing about animation. You're not generally in the studio with the other actors. You're by yourself."

Booth stars as title character Parker Novak in Producing Parker, a new prime time animated series that premieres Monday on TV-tropolis. Her character is the producer of a daytime talk show, The Dee Show, where she must reconcile the neurotic habits of host Dee — voiced by Cattrall.

"Dee is crazy ... basically every stereotype of an obsessive compulsive but com-

bined with a ladder climbing, alcoholic, anorexic, self-possessed, self-obsessed woman," Booth says, laughing. "Parker has to wrangle her."

And despite having to act with an absent Cattrall, Booth says the actress' effective vocalization of Dee informed her own.

"I got to listen to some of the stuff she recorded which helped me tremendously because I knew where she was going with Dee and how Parker would react to that and interact with the way she was playing Dee."

Still, she cites the process of acting in isolation as one of the most difficult parts of voicing an an-

building and screaming and you have to..." Booth pants

"...do breath. It's all your voice. You can't show anything with your facial expressions."

But in constriction, Booth finds release. "When you only have your voice, nobody can see you," she says.

The freeing experience allowed her uninhibited use of usually visible acting characteristics to bolster her vocal timbre. "All the weird facial expressions or contorted body movements you would probably do but you know would look ridiculous on camera you can do! And nobody but the director and engineers see you!"

Not being seen on screen might be a deal breaker for most emerging young actresses like Booth,

imated character.

"It's bizarre!" she says. "You're in there and you could be falling from a



Kristin Booth voices Parker Novak and Kim Cattrall voices Dee in Producing Parker.

still fresh off film festival successes like Young People F—ing and This Beautiful City. But Booth says she's always strived to work on projects she would want to

watch, punctuating her passion for Parker.

"Here was an opportunity to challenge myself like I had never been challenged before."



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FRIDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
243	317	3	CFCN	etalk	Hollywood	Spectacle: Elivs	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Flashpoint (HDTV) (N)	News (N)		
-	-	4	OMNI	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	News	News	The Simpsons	King	Metropia	
-	371	5	KXLY	4 News at 6:30	Entertainment	The Insider (N)	Wife Swap (N)	Supernanny (N)	20/20		
245	306	6	CBRT	NHL Hockey: Playoffs	To Be Announced			CBC News: The National	The Hour		
244	338	7	CICT	Malcolm-Mid.	Entertainment	NUMB3RS "Disturbed"	Prison Break "S.O.B."	(10:01) Dollhouse (N)	News Hour		
246	-	8	CKAL	Law & Order: SVU	Mantracker	The Doctors (N)	Departures	Out There	Out There	Your City	
-	372	12	KREM	News (N)	Hollywood	Wash. Week	McLaughlin	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Flashpoint (HDTV) (N)	NUMB3RS	
-	374	14	KSPS	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Wash. Week	McLaughlin	Bill Moyers Journal (N)	NOW on PBS	Being Served	Vicar of Dibley	
244	338	7	CICT	Be-Millionaire	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel-Fortune	Howie Do It	Dateline NBC			
-	373	22	KAYU	The Simpsons	Raymond	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Prison Break "S.O.B."	(10:01) Dollhouse (N)	News (N)	
502	390	15	CBC	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National	Planet Earth		
500	500	29	CNN	Larry King Live (N)	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Larry King Live	Cooper 360		
501	391	52	CTV	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News		
400	400	21	TSN	NHL Hockey: Playoffs	SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)	NASCAR Racing	Nationwide Series - Lipton Tea 250				
408	418	27	net	MLB Baseball	Sportsnet Con.	MLB Baseball	San Diego Padres at Los Angeles Dodgers.				
552	543	20	YTV	iCarly	Material Girls * (2006, Comedy-Drama)	Hilary Duff.		Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz	
557	541	39	FAM	Zoe 101	Sonny Chance	My Dog Skip *** (2000, Drama)		(10:05) First Kid *** (1996, Comedy)			
-	-	18	CHTV	The Insider (N)	E News	THS Investigates: Plastic Surgery	Nightmares (N)	20/20 (HDTV)		News (N)	
603	561	25	FOOD	Bobby Flay	Dinner Imposs.	Diner, Drive-In	Dinner, Drive-In	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	
615	520	26	A&E	CSI: Miami "Broken"	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	CSI: Miami "10-7"	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	
617	522	32	SHOW	Wife Swap	The Outer Limits	The Best Years (DVS)	Testes!	Kenny-Spenny	Webdrams		
520	505	35	DISC	Man vs. Wild Turkey.	Forensic Factor "Pyromaniac"	Daily Planet		Man vs. Wild Turkey.	Heli-Loggers		
628	584	43	SPIKE	The Hills Have Eyes *** (2006, Horror)	Aaron Stanford, Kathleen Quinlan.		MANswers	MANswers	Ways to Die		
522	516	45	HIST	Urban Legends	Urban Legends	NCIS "In the Zone"	Jurassic Fight Club	Urban Legends	Urban Legends	Ice Road Truck	
581	566	102	MTV	College Life	Beatdown	Fantasy Fact.	Nitro Circus	MTV Live	Cribs	Fantasy Fact.	

SATURDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
243	317	3	CFCN	W-FIVE	Law & Order "Rapture"	Law & Order: SVU	Southland (HDTV)	News (N)			
-	-	4	OMNI	Omni News: Mandarin	If You Are the One			Trendy Zone	Word for Word	Chinese Rest.	
-	371	5	KXLY	News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment Tonight	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban *** (2004, Fantasy)				
245	306	6	CBRT	NHL Hockey: Playoffs	NHL Hockey Playoffs - Teams TBA.	(HDTV) (Live)					
244	338	7	CICT	ET Canada	Masterminds	Big Business, Big Union	Doc	Doc			
246	-	8	CKAL	Without a Trace	Murdoch Mysteries	A New Smile, a New Life	Housesitter (2007, Suspense)	Tori Spelling.			
-	372	12	KREM	News (N)	Scrubs	Jack Benny	Without a Trace (HDTV)	Harper's Island "Bang"	48 Hr. Mystery		
-	374	14	KSPS	The Lawrence Welk Show	Time Goes By	Moonstruck *** (1987, Romance-Comedy)	Cher.				
-	370	16	KHO	News (N)	Judge Judy	CSI: NY (HDTV)	Law & Order: SVU	Southland (HDTV)	Law & Order		
-	373	22	KAYU	(5) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup - Russell Friedman 400.		Boston Legal	House "Airborne"	News (N)			
502	390	15	CBC	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Doc Zone (N)	Sat. Report	Weekend	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	
500	500	29	CNN	Larry King Live	Newsroom	Anderson Cooper 360	Larry King Live	Newsroom			
501	391	52	CTV	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News		
400	400	21	TSN	(5) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup - Russell Friedman 400.		SportsCentre	ATP Tennis: Internazionali BNL d'Italia				
408	418	27	net	Premier League Soccer	MLB Baseball	San Diego Padres at Los Angeles Dodgers.	(HDTV) (Live)				
552	543	20	YTV	iCarly	True Jackson	True Jackson	Life Derek	Han. Montana	Around the World in 80 Days *** (2004)		
557	541	39	FAM	Natural-Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's-Raven	Zoe 101	Family			
-	-	18	CHTV	Out There	E News	FANatical	Family				
603	561	25	FOOD	Ultimate Recipe Showdown	Kitchen Nightmares	Mutant X "Interface"	The Sopranos (HDTV)	Challenge Wedding cake.	Ult. Recipe		
615	520	26	A&E	(6) True Lies *** (1994, Action)	Jamie Lee Curtis		I Me Wed (2007, Romance-Comedy)	Erica Durance.	Borat: Cultural		
617	522	32	SHOW	Wife Swap	Deadliest Catch	Criss Angel	Guinea Pig	Deadliest Catch	Criss Angel		
520	505	35	DISC	Ship of Ice Ship of Ice.	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)	Disorderly Conduct: Video	Disorderly Conduct: Video			
628	584	43	SPIKE	Warrior	Ship of Ice Ship of Ice.	NCIS	Crime Stories	Cribs	Cribs		
522	516	45	HIST	Canada's Next Top Model	Canada's Next Top Model						
581	566	102	MTV	Canada's Next Top Model	Canada's Next Top Model						

SUNDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
243	317	3	CFCN	Star Wars Clo.	Degrassi: TNG	The Mentalist (HDTV) (N)	The Amazing Race 14	Desperate Housewives	News (N)		
-	-	4	OMNI	Without a Trace	Buzz Hunt II	King	Bollywood Boulevard	Tongues: History Language	Charld Kalaa		
-	371	5	KXLY	News	News	Funnies Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home	Desperate Housewives	Borders		
245	306	6	CBRT	NHL Hockey: Playoffs	An American Tail: Fievel Goes West (1991, Adventure)	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	CBC News: Sunday Night (N)	fifth estate		
244	338	7	CICT	16:30 Picture	Bob & Doug	(8:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)	The Simpsons	Family Guy (N)	American Dad	News (N)	
246	-	8	CKAL	2Half Men	2Half Men	Friends	Hates Chris	Rock of Love Bus	Reviews		
-	372	12	KREM	News (N)	6 Minutes	The Amazing Race 14	Masterpiece Classic (N) (DVS)	Cold Case (N)	The Unit		
-	374	14	KSPS	Lark Rise to Candleford	Nature (N) (DVS)	Nature (N) (DVS)	"You Might Be Rich"				
-	370	16	KHO	News	Wheel-Fortune	Sit Down, Shut Up	American Dad	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy (N)	
-	373	22	KAYU	House "Act Your Age"	Up the Yangtze (2007, Documentary)	Up the Yangtze (2007, Documentary)	Our World	CBC News: Sunday Night (N)	Yangtze		
502	390	15	CBC	CBC News: Sunday Night (N)	Newsroom	Anderson Cooper 360	Larry King Live	Newsroom			
500	500	29	CNN	Larry King Live	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News		
501	391	52	CTV	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News		
400	400	21	TSN	NHL Hockey: Playoffs	SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)	ATP Tennis Internazionali BNL d'Italia - Final.					
408	418	27	net	(6) MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Texas Rangers.		Sportsnet Connected (HDTV)	Sportsnet Connected (HDTV)	Poker			
552	543	20	YTV	She's the Man ** (2006, Romance-Comedy)	Amanda Bynes, James Kirk.	Prank Patrol	In Real Life "Dirty Jobs"	Adrenaline Proj			
557	541	39	FAM	Naturally Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's-Raven	Zoe 101	Vegas Vacation * (1997, Comedy)			
-	-	18	CHTV	Inside Hollywood (DVS)	Greatest Myst.	Greatest Myst.	Extreme Makeover: Home	The Celebrity Apprentice (N)			
603	561	25	FOOD	Iron Chef America	Chef Jeff Project	At the Table	At the Table	Get on Plate	Food Detective	Iron Chef Am.	
615	520	26	A&E	(6) Independence Day *** (1996, Science Fiction)	The Guard "Waheguru"	MyBusters	Paranormal State (HDTV)	Independence Day (1996, Science Fiction)			
617	522	32	SHOW	Wife Swap	The Guard "Waheguru"	Kill Switch (2008, Action)	Steven Segal, Chris Thomas King.	How William Shatner Changed the World	The Ultimate Fighter (HDTV)	MANswers	
520	505	35	DISC	William Shatner, World	NCIS "Skeletons"	Dogfights	Canada's Next Top Model	Flyboys ** (2006, Historical Drama)			
628	584	43	SPIKE	UFC Unleashed	Canada's Next Top Model			Made "Kickboxer"	Cribs		
522	516	45	HIST	The Last Dawn							
581	566	102	MTV	Canada's Next Top Model							

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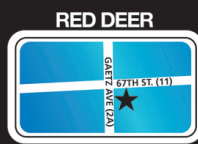
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Reality TV star Kim Kardashian has picked out an engagement ring, even though her boyfriend, footballer Reggie Bush, has yet to propose. She was out shopping with bride-to-be friends when she saw her perfect band. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Kim jumps the marital gun

Celebrity Buzz

Britney denies third pregnancy

RUMOUR Britney Spears is on the defensive, denying claims that she's expecting a third child. The rumour started when Ryan Seacrest announced on his radio show that he heard from a "reliable source" that the singer is pregnant.

But Spears' spokesman says there's no truth to the story, according to the Daily Mail.

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LiLo an energy drink addict?

ADDITION Lindsay Lohan is addicted to energy drinks, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Mean Girls star — who recently "split" from her girlfriend DJ Samantha Ronson — has been gulping down bottles of the mood-enhancing soft drink to help keep her spirits high.

She said: "I drink so much of it — I love it. There are several kinds, including Neurogasm, which is for sex. But I don't need that one right now, unfortunately!"

The 22-year-old beauty — who has been to

rehab three times for addictions to alcohol and drugs — is thought to be talking about either Neurosonic or Neurotrim beverages.

Energy drink Neurosonic contains caffeine and claims to enhance moods, while Neurotrim is said to stop hunger pangs,

speed up metabolism and help burn fat.

Lindsay was recently spotted taking one of the soft drinks into Los Angeles club Bardot.

A source told Life and Style magazine: "I saw her driver tuck a bottle of something into his pocket before she went in. Lindsay told him, 'You don't need to hide it. It's just my Neuro.'"

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For the children's sake

FAMILY Tensions seem to be cooling between recently divorced Madonna and Guy Ritchie. The director is reportedly "over the moon" that the singer has agreed to let their three children stay with him for three months while she embarks on a European tour, according to the Sun.

"Guy absolutely dotes on his children and can't wait to have them for a whole three months," a source tells the newspaper.

"He is surprised and pleased that Madonna is being so generous — as she has at times been impossible."

METRO WORLD NEWS



Speidi brave flu in Mexico

HONEYMOON

Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt decided to go ahead with their plans to honeymoon in Mexico, despite the current swine flu outbreak.

The pair was even spotted while vacationing wearing bathing suits and surgical

facemasks, according to Hollyscoop.

The masks were still on when they arrived back in Los Angeles. Montag was quick to update her Twitter account as soon as they got home, writing, "Yah we landed! Praise Jesus! Thank you God! Thank you for my soul mate!"

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Christian explains infamous tirade

RESPONSE Christian Bale feels betrayed by the film crew who leaked his angry rant online, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Dark Knight star is happy to accept the backlash following his four-minute, foul-mouthed tirade against a Terminator crewmember

who distracted him during a scene.

Bale acknowledges his attack was "overboard" but insists it shouldn't have been made public.

He said: "I did it, it's in the public space. I take the consequences

for it. I'm not hiding from that. I went overboard.

"I'm not making any excuses, but there is an essential trust and it's not a tacit one, which is every sound guy says,

'We are not recording, we are not even listening.' So, well, there goes that.

"I do stress though, it's not in anyway a trust that's there to cover up bad behaviour. It's not about that. I'm not whining, but it's an essential trust that's needed for creativity."

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Saturday

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15°C / 0°C

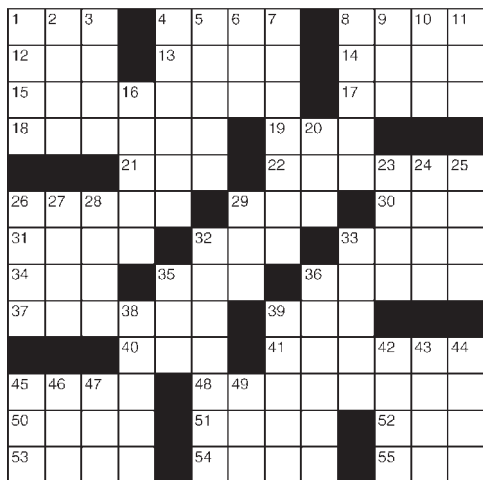
Sunday

Mostly cloudy
18°C / 3°C

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WEEKDAYS AT 6 A.M.



Crossword across

- 1 "Humbly!"
4 Trade
8 Leno's feature
12 Expert
13 Gyro holder
14 Fight the clock
15 Michael Jackson album
17 Previously owned
18 Shadow location
19 Honest politician?
21 Chemical suffix
22 Comic "married" to Fang
26 Sired
29 Visibility hindrance
30 Galena, e.g.
31 Ear-related
32 Indulge in pugilism
33 Check bar codes
34 "— Town"
35 Tussaud's medium
36 Stickup job
37 Extremely impressive
39 Bovine utterance
40 Sapporo sash
41 Entertained
45 Piece of work
48 German poet/dramatist
50 Leak slowly
51 Subsequently
52 Swiss canton
53 Will beneficiary
54 Ethereal
55 19-Across' party

Crossword down

- 1 Decrease
2 Needing liniment
3 Roll call reply
4 Immobilizer
5 Dorian Gray's creator
6 Corroded
7 Seeming contradiction
8 Inhumane
9 Possesses
10 Capades site
11 Homer's neighbour
12 Flanders
16 Of the upper hipbone
20 Huge
23 Places
24 History chapters
25 Musical based on "La Bohème"
26 Amazon.com buy
27 Needle case
28 Any of the Dionne quintuplets
29 Henhouse threat
32 Starbucks employee
33 South Korean capital
35 Symbol of intrigue
36 Basis for grits
38 "The Biggest —"
39 "Real Time" moderator
42 Punch
43 Architect
44 Plumbing problem
45 La-la preceder
46 "The Raven" writer
47 Submachine gun
49 Greek X

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



3	9	1	4	5	2	6	7	8
2	5	8	6	7	3	1	4	9
6	4	7	8	9	1	2	3	5
1	2	5	9	3	6	4	8	7
9	6	4	7	2	8	3	5	1
8	7	3	5	1	4	9	6	2
4	8	9	2	6	5	7	1	3
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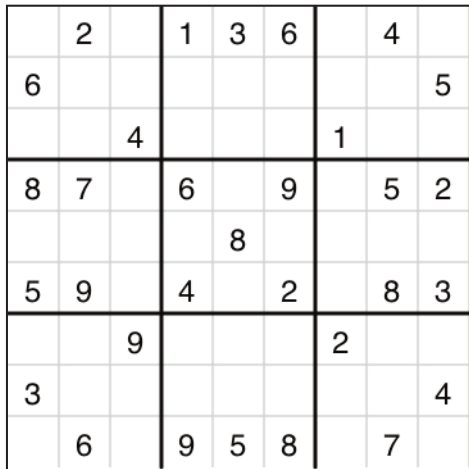
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- Under 13 min Genius
13-17 min Scholar
17-21 min Smart
21-25 min Not bad
25+ min Keep practising

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



Metro Recipe of the Day



Fava Bean, Shrimp and Feta Salad

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 can (19 oz / 540 ml) fava beans
2-3 sprigs of fresh mint
1/2 lb (250 g) feta cheese
1/2 lb (250 g) peeled, cooked shrimp

FOR DRESSING:

- 1 large lemon
6 tbsp (90 ml) extra virgin olive oil
1 clove garlic
Salt and black pepper

METHOD:

1. Put kettle of water on to boil. Put beans into pot with sprig of mint. Cover with boiling water and simmer 6 minutes. Drain and rinse beans, then drain again.
2. Drain and dice cheese.

Put into salad bowl; add shrimp.

3. For dressing, squeeze 1/2 lemon, mix 2 tbsp (25 ml) juice with olive oil, then peel garlic and crush into the dressing. Rinse, dry and finely chop remaining mint and whisk into dressing. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
4. Add drained beans to cheese and shrimp and stir in dressing. Serve with wedges cut from remaining 1/2 lemon.

SERVES 4



Horoscopes

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



An exceptional person makes an alarming statement. A legal issue isn't troublesome due to reconciliation. Check out a proposed business venture.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



Ask someone to obey the rules. Don't be peeved by needless noise. A decision has been postponed.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



Don't let anyone down because you're offended. Difficulties arise when someone is huffy. A hidden agenda scares you.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



You'll have to take sides when you don't want to. Don't pry into other people's private feelings. A loved one may seem to be flawed.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



Be well behaved in public. Being optimistic will give others more hope. News of momentous events cheers you up.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



Someone refuses to be second-best. Important documents are found for a lost cause. A spend-thrift feels deprived.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



Do what you're told, if you're unsure. Don't settle for weak promises. Be sensitive to other people's exceptional thoughts.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



A sad person is found in a dusty place. Someone needs to forget about a personal loss. A demoted guy must be considered.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



A favourite person's deed has a strange effect. Consider taking longer than expected to finish a task. You'll witness marital affection.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



Chaotic events produce some anxiety. You need to have more confidence in the future. A lively person can repair a precarious financial position.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



You'll inspire an amusing buddy. A big bargain will bring rewards. You'll get feedback on what you've done.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20



Don't protect others from situational fallout. A relationship termination will be confusing. Use self-control and turn the other cheek in a spat.

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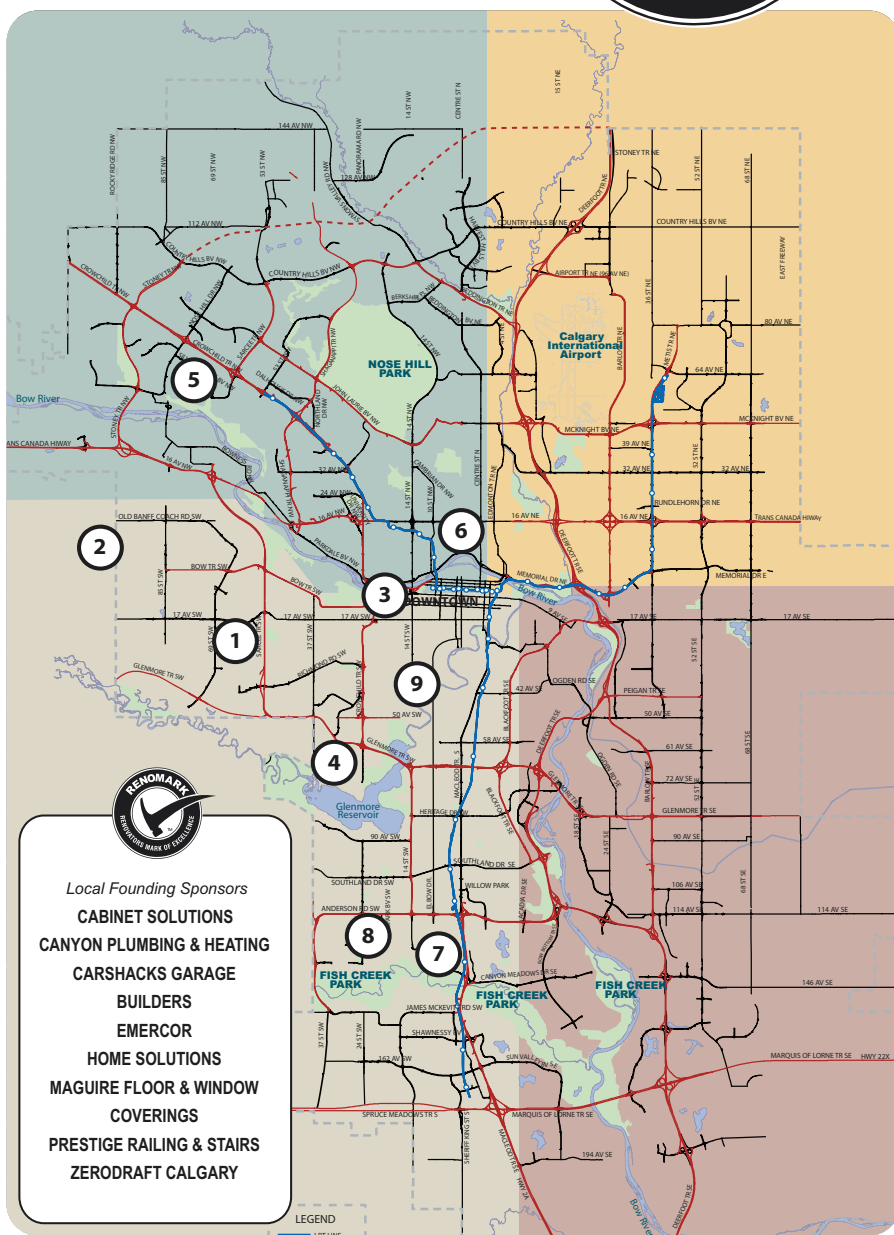
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